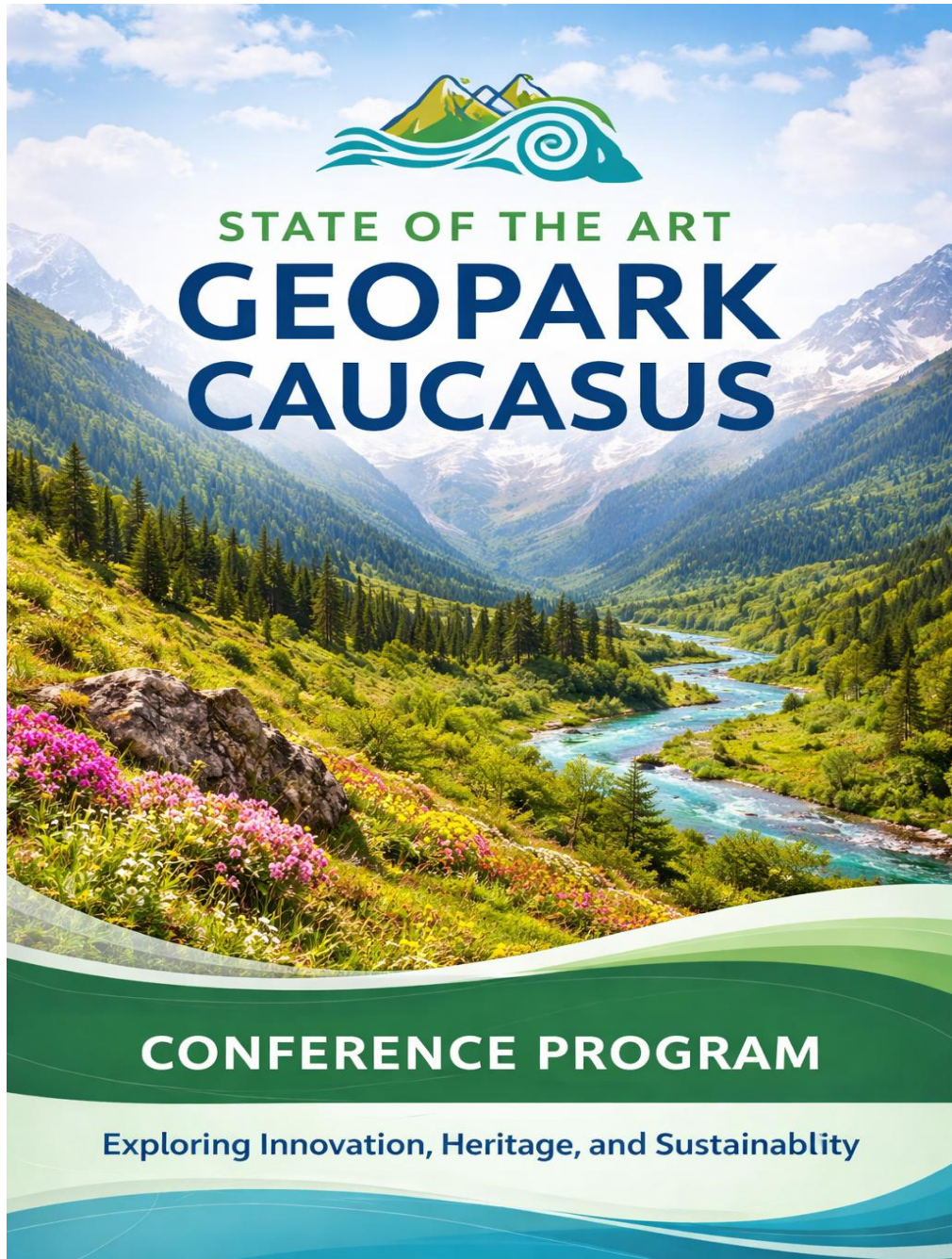


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**Monday,
April 20 th**

12.00
13.30

Address of Welcome

Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann
Dr. Nana Bolashvili
Prof. Dr. Hasmik Balyan
Dr. Elina Karimova

13.30
14.00

Introduction to the Conference Programme

Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann
Prof. Dr. Nana Bolashvili

14.00
14.20

Report on Database Collection Activities

Dr. Zaza Gulashvili

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14.40

**Geoheritage Assessment of the Akhuryan–Shirak
Volcanic Region (NW Armenia) and its Potential for
UNESCO Global Geopark Designation**

Sargis Sargsyan, M. Sc.

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15.00

**Geopark development in Azerbaijan: opportunities,
obstacles and outlook**

Dr. Beymkhanim Huseinova

15.00
15.20

Speleotourism Potential in Georgia

Tamar Tolordava, M. Sc.

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Joint Discussion

**Tuesday,
April 21th**

12.00
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Glacier Insights from Mt. Kazbek: Ice Core and GPR Perspectives

Guram Imnadze, M. Sc.

12.30
13.00

Transport as Peace Infrastructure: Mobility, Interaction, and Everyday Peace in Shared Landscapes

Eleonora Tchania, M. Sc.

13.00
13.30

Bolnisi Ore District: Volcanotectonic Structures and Geotourism Potential

Irakli Avkopashvili

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The Socio-Economic Challenges of the Racha Region: An Analytical and Empirical Assessment

Sofiko Dzhvarsheishvili, M. Sc.

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Assessing of the Marine Litter on the Beaches of the Black Sea Georgia Sector

Dr.Niko Gaprindashvili

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Mapping Urban Expansion Through StoryMaps: Insights from 'Tbilisi Unfolding

Dr. Nino Kharebava

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Spatio-Temporal Patterns of LULC Change in Imereti Region, Georgia

Nia Kandelaki, B.Sc.

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16.00

Joint Discussion

**Wednesday
April
22th**

12.00
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**The Prospects of Creation of Geoparks as
Geoheritage Preservation in Kazakhstan**
Dr. Moral Valentin

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**Geoparks as a Destination for Dark Tourism – the
Case of Aral Lake**
Dr. Azizbek Alaberganov

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Geoparks in Iran
Prof. Dr. Roozbeh Mirzaei

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**Desertification as a Climate Challenge in the
Kakheti Region (Eastern Georgia)**
Meri Chitishvili, Mariam Jafoshvili, B.Sc

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**The Role of Persistent Organic Pollutants in
Contaminating the Soil and Their Distribution by
Air Masses (Based on the example of the
municipality of Marneuli Kvemo Kartli region-
Eastern Georgia)**
Tsotne Sulashvili, M.Sc, Dr. Besik Kalandadze

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15.00

Closing of the workshop

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